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AMENDMENT

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the communication from the Examiner dated March 3, 2003, paper number 8, in the subject patent application, for which a response is due on April 3, 2003, the following amendments and comments are submitted and reconsideration of the claim rejections is respectfully requested.

The Applicants submit that in view of the attached Certificate of Facsimile Transmission, this response is timely.